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GENERAL EVEREST (USAFE) RECENTLY SENT FOLLOWING PERSONAL MESSAGE TO ALL COMMANDERS QUOTE: EACH OF YOU AS A COMMANDER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OPERATION OF YOUR AIRCRAFT. IN ADDITION TO INSURING COMPLIANCE WITH EXISTING DIRECTIVES, YOU WILL TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTION: (A) ALL FLIGHTS CONDUCTED WITHIN 50 MILES OF SOVIET BLOC BORDER WILL BE UNDER IFR USING POINT-TO-POINT NAVIGATION AND NOT AREA FLYING. (B) STRESS WINDS ALOFT IN ALL PREFLIGHT WEATHER BRIEFINGS; HOWEVER, PILOTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR RECOMPUTING GROUND SPEEDS WHILE IN FLIGHT IN THE EVENT UNFORECAST WINDS OCCUR. (C) ALL PILOTS WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION IF THE SLIGHTEST DOUBT EXISTS AS TO THEIR EXACT LOCATION WHEN FLYING WITHIN 50 MILES OF A SOVIET BLOC BORDER. THESE ACTIONS SHOULD INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, CONTACTING AC&W NET FOR ASSISTANCE, AND INITIATING LOST AIRCRAFT PROCEDURE. SUCH FACTORS AS UNFORECAST WINDS AND INOPERATIVE RADIO EQUIPMENT WILL NOT BE CONDONED AS AN EXCUSE FOR A BORDER VIOLATION.

IN THE FUTURE, DISCIPLINARY ACTION WILL BE TAKE AGAINST AIRCREWS, CONTROLLER, AND SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL WHEN THEY PERMIT A BORDER VIOLATION TO OCCUR. UNQUOTE.

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